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Name Dean, New Registrar For College Posts

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of George Thomas Walker as Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences at its meeting in Lafayette on March 5. The appointment of Mr. Walker to head this division will fill a vacancy that has existed since the College was divided into the three schools: the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Applied Arts and Sciences.

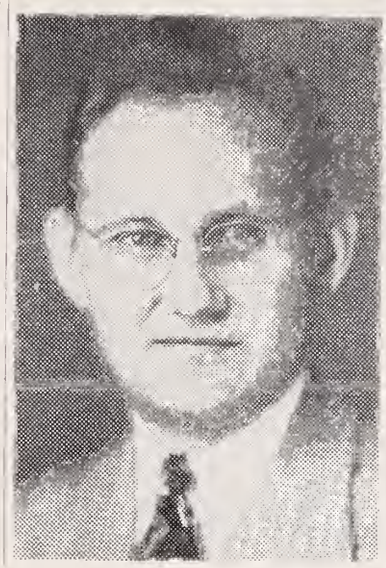
Mr. Walker expects to complete the requirements for his doctorate this summer in the Graduate School of Louisiana State University. He is a graduate of Northwestern State College, Class of 1935, and taught some time at Northeast Junior College in Monroe. He served as State Supervisor of Business Education in the State Department of Education from 1940 through 1945.

The appointment of Mr. Walker is to be effective as of May 1, 1948. His arrival on the campus will give Northwestern State three academic deans, all of whom are former graduates and alumni of the institution, and who have taken their advanced degrees in other institutions. The other two academic deans are Dr. C. E. Dugdale, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. John B. Robson, Dean of School of Education.

Mrs. Estelle Roberts of Baton Rouge has been appointed Registrar of the College. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University School of Business Administration and has been serving as secretary to the State Superintendent of Education and Supervisor of Civil Service Personnel in the State Department of Education for the past four years. Prior to that, she was secretary to the State Director of Higher Education.

Mrs. Ellen A. Hill has been acting Registrar since the death of Mr. Walter S. Mitchell, former Registrar.

NEW DEAN



George T. Walker

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewer (Viola "Sis" Caraway, A. B., '44) of Tulsa, Okla., have announced the birth of a beautiful young daughter, Julie, on September 30.

NSC Is Host to 13 Colleges for Debates

Northwestern State College was host early in March to 13 colleges and universities from six states in the thirteenth annual Louisiana Speech Tournament, planned and directed by Ralph L. Ropp, veteran director of forensics.

Universities and colleges sending representatives to the competition on the college campus were Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech, Millsaps, East Central State College, Springfield (Missouri) Teachers' College, Centenary, Ouachita College, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Drury College, Baylor University, Southeastern State College and Stephen F. Austin.

The two-day speech program was another in a series of such events on the college campus. Only a few weeks previous there had been a high school competition which attracted more than 200 students to the campus.

ALUMNI Here 'n There

Robert Sudbury and Joe Herbert Sudbury are operating the Sudbury Sales and Service in Natchitoches. Joe Herbert is in San Francisco at the present time awaiting his discharge from the U. S. Army. He has just returned from Japan, where he served with Uncle Sam for the past two years.

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Frank M. Rougeot, 908 Cypress Street, Orange, Texas, is engaged in the general contracting business. Frank just sent in his subscription to the *Alumni Columns* for the next five years.

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Mr. George Newman, B. S., '47, former instructor at the Natchitoches Trade School, has recently

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Dr. Leo Allbritten of the education department faculty was named recently by President Joseph E. Gibson to be director of [redacted]her School. His appointment was approved by the State Board of Education.

Organize Natchitoches Parish Unit Of Alumni at Meeting in Local High School Auditorium March 16

Elect Harold Kaffie President of Group; To Name Directors

Natchitoches Parish alumni of Northwestern State College met in the auditorium of Natchitoches High School on March 16 and organized a parish chapter of the Alumni Association.

Officers elected to serve the local unit were: Harold Kaffie, president; L. F. Fowler, vice president; and John Makar, secretary-treasurer.

A board of directors consisting of the officers of the unit and one representative from each ward of the parish will be named at an early date. Appointment of committees will be made by the board of directors.

Prior to the election of officers, the alumni were addressed by President Joseph E. Gibson and President Joe Webb. Professor Sherrod Towns sang two baritone solos. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Towns.

The organization of the local unit in Natchitoches Parish will serve as the springboard for the organization of other units throughout the state. Alumni in several parishes have written in to the office expressing an interest in organizing a unit in their respective parishes. Plans will be made for these meetings and organizations as rapidly as possible.

Interested groups in all parishes are urged to take the lead in the formation of similar groups in your parish. It is the desire and hope of the Alumni Board that at least twenty such organizations be completed by the end of the present school year. If you are interested and will help in organizing an alumni unit in your parish, write the Alumni Secretary at Natchitoches and you will be contacted immediately.

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Baseball Season Opens March 22

Opening with Illinois State Normal University baseball team here on the campus on March 22, Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown's baseball squad will initiate a 22-game schedule that extends through May 15. While the games with Illinois State Normal University and Northern Illinois State Teachers College are tentative, it is hoped that they will be definitely scheduled in the near future.

A check of the roster reveals that thirteen members of last year's squad will be missing from the line-up when Coach Brown takes the field this year. Members of the squad of 1947 reporting for early practice sessions are infielders Harrell Haile, Hoyt Reed, Eugene Rogers, and Dave White; catcher, James Williams; outfielder, Purvis Landry; and pitchers, Charles Bandy, Harrison Castlberry, Robert Johnson, James McCalister, Prentis Murphy, Harold Rhodes, and James Willis.

Practice sessions will be held daily, weather permitting, and the squad wil be bolstered by the addition of many new members trying out for places on the regular starting nine.

After compiling a record of 10 wins against 8 losses for a percentage of .556 during last year's competition, the Demons are going all out to equal and, if possible, to better that record.

The grounds are being put in order for playing, a wire fence is to be built around the playing field, and the fans are eagerly awaiting the cry of "Play Ball."

The schedule of games for the season is as follows:

March 22—Illinois State Normal University—Natchitoches.
March 23—Illinois State Normal University—Natchitoches.
March 31—Northern Illinois State Teachers College—Natchitoches.
April 1 — Northern Illinois State Teachers College—Natchitoches.
April 3—Loyola University—New Orleans.
April 14 — Loyola University — Natchitoches.
April 15—Southwestern—Natchitoches.
April 16—Southwestern—Natchitoches.
April 20 — Louisiana College (doubleheader)—Pineville.
April 22 — Louisiana Tech—Natchitoches.
April 23—Louisiana Tech—Ruston.
April 27—Southeastern Louisiana College—Hammond.
April 28—Southeastern Louisiana College—Hammond.
May 3—Southwestern—Lafayette.
May 4—Southwestern—Lafayette.
May 7—Louisiana College (doubleheader)—Natchitoches.
May 10—Louisiana Tech—Natchitoches.
May 11—Louisiana Tech—Ruston.
May 14—Southeastern Louisiana College—Natchitoches.
May 15 — Southeastern Louisiana College—Natchitoches.

CUPID'S DOINGS

Miss Mary Yvonne Sledge of Coushatta, ex '47, and Johnny Howard Barker, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, at home of bride's parents in Coushatta on February 8. At home, 419 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Bettye Jane Thrash of Bryceland, ex '46, and Grover Stewart of Florien, ex '46, at First Baptist Church in Shreveport on February 14.

Miss Clovis Ray Hudson of Shreveport and Mr. Grover Byrd of Natchitoches, B. S. '39, at First Baptist Church in Shreveport on February 6.

Miss Mary Lee Sigler of Coushatta, B. S. '47, and Mr. Allen Murph Posey of Coushatta, ex '47, latter part of February.

Miss Frances Louise Williams of Natchitoches and Major Walker Kenneth Carroll, Texarkana, Texas, at Killarney, the ancestral home of the bride, on March 6.

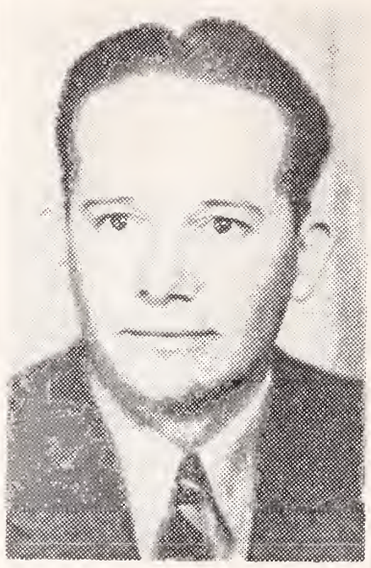
Miss Molly Rachal of Goldonna, ex '47, and Mr. Q. L. Stewart of Florien at First Methodist Church of Natchitoches on February 29.

New Instructor

Mr. Jose D. Arevalo, a native of Chile but an American citizen by choice, is teaching Spanish at the College during the spring semester. He is replacing Miss Corinne Saucier, who is on leave of absence attending Laval University in Quebec.

Dr. Carolyn Bock of the Language Department recently attended a meeting of the Southern Classical Association in Birmingham. She is a member of the Committee on Research Progress of the Southern Humanities Council.

Assistant Superintendent



C. L. Perry Is Caddo Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Business Affairs

C. L. Perry, B. A. '31, has been selected to fill the assistant superintendent's post on the Caddo Parish School Board in charge of business affairs. He succeeds Mr. Hardy O'Neal, who resigned recently.

Perry holds the B. A. Degree from Northwestern State and the M. A. Degree from Louisiana State University. He was principal of the elementary school at Rodessa from 1931 to 1933, and taught at Vivian High School from 1933 to 1945. He became principal of Rodessa High School in 1945 and was serving in that capacity at the time of his selection as assistant superintendent in charge of business affairs for the Caddo Parish School Board.

Correction of Error In February Issue

In the last issue of Alumni Columns under the caption, "Monthly Issue Planned for Newsletters," appeared the statement: "Fill out the check enclosed . . ." Upon investigation, it was learned that checks could not be enclosed in the publication without violating the postal regulations governing our mailing permit; therefore, they were not included. Despite this fact, however, several alumni have sent in their checks to assist in paying for the addressograph and additional equipment required for facilitating the mailing of the Columns to you. Why not send yours in now?

FACULTY NOTES

President Joseph E. Gibson and Dr. Joe Gerber attended the national meeting of the American Association of Teachers' Colleges and the American Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City, February 18-26. Dr. Gerber presented a paper and led a discussion on "Counseling Techniques in Student Personnel Work." Before returning home, Gerber spoke to several classes at New York University on the subject of Student Personnel Administration.

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Mr. Guy Nesom, Miss Ruth I. Price and Mr. Gordon W. Bennett attended the Southern conference of Health and Physical Education at Birmingham on February 16-20. Mr. Nesom was chairman of College Men's Section, member of panel on Aquatic Section and toastmaster at student breakfast; he was elected vice chairman of Aquatic Section.

Miss Price was a member of the panel discussion, Dance Section, and Mr. Bennett was chairman of Student Section.

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Mr. S. W. Nelken attended a meeting of the National Association of Soil Conservation Supervisors at Des Moines, Iowa, February 27-28. Thirty-eight states were represented at the conference, the purpose of which was to develop a comprehensive program of soil conservation work for the nation. Mr. Nelken is secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Association of Soil Conservation Supervisors.

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Mr. Hal E. Townsend, Professor of Forestry, recently attended a tree-planting demonstration in LaSalle Parish, where a reforestation project covering 50,000 acres in LaSalle and Bienville Parishes is being inaugurated. Students engaged in the study of forestry accompanied him. Previously, Mr. Townsend had taken his group to Arkansas for a study of the forestry program in that state.

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Dr. Sarah L. C. Clapp represented President Gibson at the

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Demons Eliminated In Final NAIB Meet

An accurate shooting Northwestern State College basketball team won three consecutive games in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball elimination playoff at Shreveport late in February.

The Demons met Centenary in the tourney opener and the Gents fell by the wayside under a 48-31 shellacking. Meeting Southeastern Louisiana College on the second evening of play, the Demons again demonstrated uncanny accuracy for the netted hoop and chalked up a 62-37 win.

Climax of the Demon effort, however, came in the finals of the district elimination when they handed the Louisiana Tech cagers a 57-33 trouncing. It was sweet revenge for Coach H. Lee Prather's team which lost 50-49 to Tech at Ruston in one of the two final regularly scheduled contests. The Tech win gave them a share of the Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference title. In the final scheduled game prior to the NAIB playoff, the Demons defeated a good Southwestern Louisiana Institute team, 59-52.

Northwestern State represented Louisiana in the NAIB national tournament at Kansas City, Mo., but were eliminated by Xavier University of Cincinnati, in the first round, 67-43. Xavier was rated as one of the top-ranking teams of the 32 entering play.

The Demons won 19 and lost 6 games throughout the entire season, including the tournament tilts. They found the hoop for 1407 points while their opponents were netting 1057. Coach Prather's team averaged 56 points per game against 42 for their opponents.

Swimming Becomes Intercollegiate Sport

Northwestern State College inaugurated swimming as an intercollegiate sport for the first time this year. Thus far the College has participated in three dual meets and has scheduled approximately four more intercollegiate meets. This is exclusive of A.A.U. meets, which will be held during the spring and summer.

The first official swimming competition was a dual meet with S.M.U. at Dallas, Texas. Northwestern lost to S.M.U. 46-29; however, N.S.C. swimmers made some outstanding records. Bill Stovall, captain of the N.S.C. team, set a new S.M.U. pool record in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:03.9. This time is outstanding and marks him as one of the better swimmers in this section of the country. He won also the 200-yard free style event in the very good time of 2:24.5. The College 400-

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Mixon, Jr., age 14, and Jimmie, age 8, are the sons of Mrs. Colene Donaldson Bankston, A. B. '34, of Dry Prong. Mrs. Bankston is teacher of English in the Dry Prong High School and sponsor of the senior class.

Faculty Notes

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inaugural ceremonies of President J. Hillis Miller of the University of Florida at Gainesville on March 4-5.

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Professor Frederic W. Plette recently attended the meeting of National Speech Association at Salt Lake City, Utah, where he presented a paper on "Faulty Manuscript Plays." Mr. Plette is a member of the Executive Committee, Manuscript Play Project, of the American Educational Theater Association.

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The Language Department was represented by Professors Bowman, Clapp, Doering, Dunnington and Mouton at the South Central Section of Modern Languages conference recently at Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dr. John S. Kyser represented President Gibson at the inaugural ceremonies of President Taylor of the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, on February 9-10.

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Dr. John B. Robson, Dean of the School of Education, attended the regional conference on Teacher Education, Certification, and Professional Standards held in Oklahoma City.

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Prof. N. B. Morrison recently attended the National Association of Business Teachers in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Dr. Joe N. Gerber and Mr. James Shultz, Assistant Dean of Men, attended the conference of the National Association of Deans of Men in Dallas on March 10-13.

Spring Sports Hold Spotlight; Football Practice Sessions End

Sports activities on the campus were on the increase during the Spring semester in spite of continued inclement weather.

Hampered consistently by rain and bad weather which cancelled out many practice sessions, Coach Harry (Rags) Turpin was unable to determine the potentialities of the 1948-49 football squad during Spring drills. Some 55 gridders were out, including a few freshmen hopefuls. Next year's team remained a question mark.

Candidates for the track squad began preparations for defense of their Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference crown. Strong in the sprints, distance events, javelin and pole vault, the team was weak in the weight events. First competition for the trackmen was to be the Southwestern Relays March 20.

Coach Alvin (Cracker) Brown issued a call for candidates for his 1948 baseball squad. At the same time, he issued notice of a 22-game schedule. Work was progressing on a baseball diamond at the rear of the Men's Gymnasium. A check of last year's baseball roster indicated that some 13 players would be absent from practice sessions and replacements would have to be found.

Calls for tennis and golf were also issued recently. Chris Caver, outstanding court performer, was again expected to bolster the tennis squad. Ed Durham is handling the net team; Leroy Miller and James Schultz, the golfers.

NSC Is Member of New College Group

The three leading national teacher groups began functioning this month as a single, unified organization under the title of American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The new association is made up by the merger of the American Association of Teachers' Colleges, the National Association of Colleges and Departments of Education, and the National Association of Teacher Education Institutions in Metropolitan Districts.

The membership of the newly-formed organization includes approximately 260 colleges and universities. Northwestern State is a member of the organization by virtue of its membership in the old American Association of Teachers' Colleges. The College was represented by President Joseph E. Gibson at the recent meeting in Atlantic City.

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been employed by the Baton Rouge Trade School.

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Dr. Dwight McCartney, B. S. '41, returned to Natchitoches and opened his office for the practice of dentistry on March 1. He has taken over the practice of Dr. J. W. McCook and is occupying the offices of Dr. McCook in the Exchange Bank Building.

Dr. McCartney moved to Natchitoches from Winnfield, where he has been practicing for the past two years. He completed his work in dental surgery at Loyola University. He and Mrs. McCartney (Dale Harlan, B. S. '42) expect to move here as soon as housing accommodations can be secured.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herveou (Clementine Scarborough, B. S. '41) were visitors on the campus this past week. They have returned to their home, Route 2, Box 24, Walled Lake, Michigan.

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Mrs. J. T. Hooker (A. B. '32) of 517 Woodland, Spartanburg, South Carolina, is visiting her daughter, Catherine, who is a member of the senior class. Dr. Hooker was formerly a member of the faculty at the College.

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Douglas T. Williams Pastor at Mer Rouge

Douglas T. Williams, A. B. '10, went into the ministry in the Methodist Church immediately after graduation. He served as pastor of churches in the Florida parishes until about three years ago. He is now serving his third year as pastor of the Methodist Church at Mer Rouge.

Reverend Williams married a Tylertown (Miss.) girl in 1938, and they now have a young son, Douglas T. Williams, Jr., who is 16 months old.

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G. Henry Pierson, Jr., Promoted

We are happy to announce that G. Henry Pierson, Jr., A. B. '34, has become a partner of the firm of Milling, Godchaux, Saal and Milling at 1122 Whitney Building, New Orleans. He was employed by this firm after graduation from the Tulane Law School and has been with them continuously since that time with the exception of the four or five years spent in service with the U. S. Navy during World War II.

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Dewitt Garrett of Milford, Michigan, who did his work on the campus in pre-law in 1934-35-36, is employed by General Motors Company of Detroit on the Labor Relations Mediation Board. Garrett transferred to Detroit College of Law after leaving the campus. In his work on the Labor Relations Mediation Board, he is in charge of several states.

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Makar and Murphy Form Law Partnership

Mr. John Makar, A. B. '38, and Mr. Patrick Murphy, A. B. '40, formed a partnership for the practice of law at the beginning of this year. Their office is located on Second Street in Natchitoches. Both Makar and Murphy were outstanding students at the College and were members of the debating teams during their four years on the campus.

After graduation from N. S. C., Makar entered the Law School of Louisiana State University where he was Chief Justice of the Honor Court, and a member of the Moot Court for three years. He received his LL.B. Degree in 1941.

He became State Supervisor of the F. W. A., Division of Research and Statistics for the State of Michigan until 1942, when he enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps. He was later transferred to Judge Advocate General's department was a major in the U. S. Foreign Claims Service in the European theater. Upon his discharge from the Army in 1946, Makar returned to Natchitoches and began the practice of law.

Murphy entered the Law School at Tulane University after graduation from the College and remained in school until he entered the U. S. Army Air Corps, where he served for almost four years. After discharge from the Army, he returned to Tulane to complete his LL.B. degree in 1947. He was chairman of the Moot Court Advisory Board of Advisors and a member of Honorary Legal Fraternity.

After graduation from Tulane Law School, Murphy returned to Natchitoches and worked with Makar through the summer and fall of 1947. At the beginning of this year he became a partner in the firm now known as Makar-Murphy.

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Rodriguez, Attache, U. S. Embassy in Costa Rica

Alfonso (Al) Rodriguez, former student and member of the debate squad and Current Sauce staff of 1936 and 1937, is now serving as Attache, U. S. Embassy, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Rodriguez was in the office of Strategic Service during the war and became Vice-Consul of the United States at Tangiers. He served at Tangiers until his appointment to the Embassy at Costa Rica.

Do You Remember? . . . This "Old Chocolate Bar"

No doubt, the photograph of the old Music Building, the forerunner of the present Fine Arts Building, will bring back memories to many old grads. It was here that loud singing voices are said to have shattered the window panes. Located at the front of the present Varnado Hall site, this building was demolished in 1939. No better evidence of the vast improvement in recent years of the college physical plant is to be provided than a comparison of this ancient structure and the ultra-modern Fine Arts Building, one of the finest of its kind on any college campus.

Swimming Becomes . . .

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yard relay team defeated the S.M.U. quartet in the final event.

The second meet on the schedule was with Pensacola Naval Air Base. The College was defeated as a team, but individuals showed up well. Bill Stovall again was the individual star of the meet, swimming to win two events and anchoring a fast relay group. Pensacola was especially strong with John Higgins, a former Olympics swimmer, and Jack Martin, an erstwhile Ohio Star, doing double duty.

On February 28, Northwestern met Tulane University in a dual meet and went into the final relay with the score standing at 31-36 against us. Tulane won this event, winning the meet by a score of 41-31. Harrison Young, Jack Sibley, and Jeff Henessey won the breast stroke, 50-yard free style, and fancy diving events. Northwestern State College was without the services of its individual star, Bill Stovall, who was ill with an infected ear. The score would have been substantially changed had his services been available.

On Saturday, March 20, Northwestern State College swimmers journey to Pensacola, Florida, where they will engage the Naval Air Base swimmers and the Tulane University swimmers in a triangular meet. A pair of dual meets are tentatively scheduled with L.S.U. for April. Also the College is negotiating for a meet with Florida State University. Northwestern State College swimmers will participate in a full schedule of A.A.U. meets following the intercollegiate season.

Mr. Guy W. Nesom, Director of Health and Physical Education, is especially high in his praise of Hardie Thomas, a graduate and special student of the College. Thomas has spent long hours working with the competitive swimmers and has done an outstanding job. It was mainly through his efforts that Carl Quaintance, nationally known diver, came to the College. Quaintance is now participating in diving events and in exhibitions in college aquatic shows.

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